

vain, but help us convince the government that we must solve the immigration problem with swift and firm action. I do admit that many of these people are desperate, but so are we.

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When you mix desperation and fear on both sides, you create a volatile situation where violence endures.

Mr. Speaker, these are stories from the people that I represent who feel that their government, frankly, has abandoned them. They're angry and they're frustrated. I'm angry; I'm frustrated. We need action, and we need it now.

We can spend billions of dollars on conflicts in other countries, billions of dollars to secure other borders across the world to protect other citizens from other countries in places and far-off lands. But if this Congress is truly the people's House, then we must listen to the people. And they are asking for our attention, and they are calling out for help.

Mr. Speaker, I show you a sign here. It's a photograph of the Forest Service. It's a warning sign that cautions the citizens of southern Arizona. It's an official sign to warn hikers of the dangers of the smugglers on public land.

When I think about citizens that have to see signs like this on their property, of being warned about the possibility of the violence, of the destruction, of the threats—it says: "Caution, smuggling activity is common in this area because of the proximity to the international border. Be aware of your surroundings at all times." And then there's information in case of emergency.

I would suggest that the Federal Government puts up these signs and the Federal Government should actually do something about the problem. And so I ask my colleagues to join with me for once and for all to take the necessary steps that we need to take.

I applaud the administration today for taking action. The deployment of the National Guard to our U.S.-Mexico border is a first start. The \$500 million in supplemental funding to the U.S.-Mexico border will be greatly welcomed.

But we have no greater responsibility than to carry out the duty of protecting our citizens. Hence, Mr. Speaker, I believe that we should do more. This duty is embedded in the oath that each one of us took when we were sworn into this great institution.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, again, I'd like to reference Rob Krentz; his brother, Phil Krentz; the Krentz family—my constituents, southern Arizonans, U.S. citizens. Rob Krentz is no longer with us for doing nothing more than being on his own land.

The Federal Government has to take responsibility for the safety and security of its citizens, first and foremost. This is a great institution. The United States Congress can achieve great things. It is important that we focus

our national security efforts, first and foremost, on homeland security, and that means border security and not allowing a situation like the tragic murder of Rob Krentz to ever occur again, to not allow the continued stories that we hear of the destruction along the U.S.-Mexico border, to not allow that to continue.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Mr. MANZULLO (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of illness.

Mr. PETRI (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today after 5:30 p.m. and May 26 on account of attending his daughter's graduation activities.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HASTINGS of Florida) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BALDWIN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. McDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DeFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURGESS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, May 27, 28, and 29.

#### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2868. An act to provide increased access to the General Services Administration's Schedules Program by the American Red Cross and State and local governments; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Ms. GIFFORDS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 53 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 26, 2010, at 10 a.m.

#### OATH OF OFFICE MEMBERS, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, AND DELEGATES

The oath of office required by the sixth article of the Constitution of the

United States, and as provided by section 2 of the act of May 13, 1884 (23 Stat. 22), to be administered to Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates of the House of Representatives, the text of which is carried in 5 U.S.C. 3331:

"I, AB, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

has been subscribed to in person and filed in duplicate with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the following Member of the 111th Congress, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. 25:

CHARLES DJOU, Hawaii, First.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7638. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Loan Policies and Operations; Loan Purchases from FDIC (RIN: 3052-AC62) received May 11, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7639. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Housing Administration: Continuation of FHA Reform; Strengthening Risk Management Through Responsible FHA-Approved Lenders [Docket No.: FR 5356-F-02] (RIN: 2502-AI81) received May 11, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7640. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Addition to the List of Validated End-Users: Advanced Micro Devices China, Inc. [Docket No.: 100205080-0187-01] (RIN: 0694-AE87) received May 11, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7641. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Threatened Status for the Puget Sound/Georgia Basin Distinct Population Segments of Yelloweye and Canary Rockfish and Endangered Status for the Puget Sound/Georgia Basin Distinct Population Segment of Bocaccio Rockfish [Docket No.: 080229341-0108-03] (RIN: 0648-XF89) received May 11, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7642. A letter from the Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Inmate Communication With News Media: Removal of Byline Regulations [BOP-1149-I] (RIN: 1120-AB49) received May 11, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.